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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 JOSE VELASQUEZ-MORALES,

9 Petitioner,

10 v.

11 ICE FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR,

12 Respondent.

Case No. C19-0515-RSM-MAT

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

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14 This is a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas action. The Court appointed the Federal Public Defender
15 to represent petitioner in this matter. Gregory Murphy, an Assistant Federal Public Defender,
16 thereafter spoke with petitioner several times, reviewed petitioner's immigration file, and
17 consulted with the immigration attorneys pursuing petitioner's appeal. (Dkt. 18 at 1.) Based on
18 that review, Mr. Murphy concluded that the Federal Public Defender is unable to assist petitioner
19 with his habeas petition. (*Id.*) Mr. Murphy informed petitioner of the reasons for that
20 determination, and petitioner does not oppose the motion to withdraw. (*Id.* at 1-2.) Having
21 considered the foregoing, the Court GRANTS the motion to withdraw (Dkt. 18) and allows the
22 Federal Public Defender to withdraw as counsel.
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1 The Clerk is directed to RE-NOTE the Government's motion to dismiss (Dkt. 7) for
2 **September 27, 2019**. Petitioner shall file any response brief on or before **September 23, 2019**.

3 The Government shall file any reply by the noting date.

4 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to petitioner at the Northwest Detention
5 Center, to the Federal Public Defender, to counsel for the Government, and to the Honorable
6 Ricardo S. Martinez.

7 Dated this 30th day of August, 2019.

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11 Mary Alice Theiler
12 United States Magistrate Judge
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